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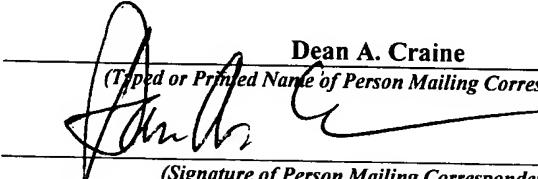
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Invention: LOW PRESSURE COMBINATION SCRUBBING AND SQUEEGEE DEVICE

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13 **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

14 In compliance with Applicant's and his attorney's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR
15 1.56, the Applicant does hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement,
16 Form PTO - 1449, and copies of the references listed thereon.

17 A patent search was manually conducted for the invention described in the above-
18 referenced patent application. In the course of the search, no patents were found for an
19 apparatus that has the same structural features or that operates in the same manner such as the
20 invention listed above. The following five (5) patents, however, were noted as being of
21 interest and are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention as references AA - AE. The
22 significance of each listed reference is as follows:

23 AA. U.S. Patent No. 5,908,255 (Branch) discloses a surface cleaning device

1 including an elongated, rigid handle attached to a body with opposite extending squeegee and
2 brush. A handle is threadingly engaged at one end to the body and a pump spray device is
3 engaged with the other end of the handle and extending into a hollow chamber within the
4 handle for spraying fluid.

5 U.S. Patent No. 5,519,911 (Callander) discloses a headlight cleaner for a vehicle
6 including a brush head, a brush handle having a tip end coupled to the brush head, a base end,
7 and a joint there between to thereby define a straight short segment and a straight long
8 segment. The opposite end of the handle includes an elongated squeegee. The joint may be
9 adjusted to allow the brush or squeegee to be positioned at different angles.

10 U.S. Patent No. 5,123,137 (McCauley) discloses a low profile, dual cleaning squeegee
11 device for cleaning opposite surfaces, such as a truck rear cab window and opposite cab front
12 window. The device includes an adjustable cleaning head with two pivoting cleaning
13 members. A handle-like assembly connected to a rod controls movement of the cleaning
14 member.

15 U.S. Patent No. 5,101,530 (Hansen et al.) discloses a lightweight squeegee suitable
16 for use in and around the home for cleaning and drying shower and tub enclosures, windows,
17 spa decks, autos and boat decks. A cylindrical handle holds dual S-shaped blades which
18 extend along the handle and beyond one end of the handle to facilitate cleaning in tight
19 spaces.

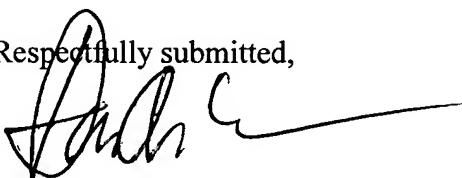
20 U.S. Patent No. 4,776,716 (Huang) discloses a foldable, multipurpose cleaning device
21 comprised of a fluid receiving receptacle member detachably connected to a cleaning head
22 assembly. The receptacle member includes a plunger and dispensing means for the fluid.
23 The cleaning head assembly includes an elongated scraper or squeegee and an elongated

1 brush or sponge.

2 The Applicant and his attorney submit that the above-cited references taken alone or
3 in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. None of the
4 references disclose or claim a combination brush and squeegee device comprising a low-
5 profile body with a cleaning surface, such as a sponge or cleaning pad, attached along the top
6 surface, and a rubber blade, attached along the front surface, connected to an articulated pole
7 using three joints that allow the user to easily adjust the position of the pole on the body so
8 that the device may be used on windows located in spaces with narrow clearances. A rotating
9 joint disposed between the pole and the body allows the user to rotate the body 180° around
10 the central axis of the pole. First and second pivoting joints, disposed between the body and
11 the pole, allow the user to selectively adjust the angular position of the pole and body. The
12 listed references relate only to the general field of the disclosure and do not constitute an
13 admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims; they are cited only as
14 constituting the closest art of which the Applicant and his attorney are aware.

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16 Respectfully submitted,



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	AA	5,908,255	06/1999	Branch	401	139	
	AB	5,519,911	05/1996	Callander	15	114	
	AC	5,123,137	06/1992	McCauley	15	105	
	AD	5,101,530	04/1992	Hansen et al.	15	245	
	AE	4,776,716	10/1988	Huang	401	139	
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